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the drawtender is at the Grand Avenue bridge, a delay of up to an additional hour may be expected.

(b) Public vessels of the United States, state or local vessels used for public safety, commercial vessels and vessels in distress, shall notify the operator of the Tomlinson and the Ferry Street bridges and shall be passed through each of the bridges listed in this section as soon as possible at any time.

(c) The sound signals for requesting the opening of each bridge are as follows:

(1) The Tomlinson bridge, two short blasts of a whistle or horn.

(2) The Ferry Street bridge, one short blast of a whistle or horn.

(3) The Grand Avenue bridge, one prolonged blast of a whistle or horn.

(4) The Chapel Street bridge, three short blasts of a whistle or horn.

(d) The drawtender shall acknowledge sound signals in the following manner:

(1) When the draw can be opened immediately, the same signal as the requesting signal.

(2) When the draw cannot be opened immediately, or is open and must close, the drawtender shall sound four short blasts of a whistle or horn, to be repeated until acknowledged by the vessel by the same signal.

(3) When the draw can be reopened, the drawtender shall sound the opening signal and open the draw if any vessels are waiting to pass.

(e) The following visual signal may be used in addition to sound signals for requesting the opening of each bridge when sound signals may not be heard. A white flag by day or a white light by night shall be swung in full circle at arm's length in full sight of the bridge and facing the draw.

(f) The drawtender shall acknowledge visual signals in the following manner:

(1) When the draw can be opened immediately, a white flag by day or a green light by night swung up and down vertically a number of times in full sight of the vessel.

(2) When the draw cannot be opened immediately, or is open and must close, a red flag by day or a red light by night, swung back and forth horizontally in full sight of the vessel, to

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be repeated until acknowledged by the vessel by the same signal.

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§ 117.215 Niantic River.

(a) The draw of the Amtrak bridge, mile 0.0 at Niantic, shall open on signal; except that, from April 1 through October 31 from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. and from November 1 through March 31 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given. When a train scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping has entered the drawbridge block, a delay in opening the draw may occur until the train has cleared the block.

(b) The draw of the S156 Bridge, mile 0.1, at Niantic, shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, the draw shall open only for the passage of commercial vessels. From December 1 through March 31, from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least six hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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§ 117.217 Norwalk River.

(a) The draw of the Washington Street S136 bridge, mile 0.0 at Norwalk, shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays, the draw need not be opened for the passage of vessels that draw less than 14 feet of water. The opening signal is three short blasts. Vessels drawing 14 feet of water or more shall add one prolonged blast after the three short blasts.

(b) The draw of the Metro-North "WALK" bridge, mile 0.1 at Norwalk, shall open on signal as follows:

(1) From 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., except that, from Monday through Friday excluding holidays, the draw need not be opened from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., unless an emergency exists.

(2) Only once in any 60-minute period from 5:45 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

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(3) From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., if at least four hours notice is given.

(4) A delay of up to 20 minutes may be expected if a train is approaching so closely that it may not be safely stopped.

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§ 117.219 Pequonnock River.

(a) Public vessels of the United States and vessels in distress shall be passed through the draw of each bridge as soon as possible.

(b) The Stratford Avenue Bridge, mile 0.1, at Bridgeport, shall open on signal; except that, from 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m., the draw need not open for the passage of vessels. From December 1 through March 31, from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least six-hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

(c) The draw of the Metro-North "PECK" bridge, mile 0.3 at Bridgeport, shall open on the signal of three blasts as follows:

(1) From 5:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. except:

(i) From Monday through Friday, excluding holidays or emergencies, the draw need not be opened from 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.

(ii) From Monday through Friday, excluding holidays or emergencies, the draws need not be opened more than once during the periods 5:45 a.m. to 6:45 a.m., 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 6:10 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

(2) From 9 p.m. to 5:45 a.m., the draws shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given.

(3) The draw need not open on signal if a train is approaching so closely that it may not be safely stopped; however, the delay in opening the draw shall not exceed 7 minutes from time of the request.

(d) The draw of the Congress Street Bridge, mile 0.4 at Bridgeport, shall open on signal as follows:

(1) From 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; except that the draw need not open for the passage of other than commercial vessels from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and for all vessels from 4:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.

(2) From 9 p.m. to 8 a.m., if at least eight hours notice is given; except that the draw need not open for the passage of vessels from 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; and from 7:45 a.m. to 8 a.m.

(3) The opening signal is two prolonged blasts followed by two short blasts.

(e) The draw of the East Washington Street bridge mile 0.6, shall open on the signal of one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(f) The draw of the Grand Street bridge mile 0.9 at Bridgeport need not be opened for the passage of vessels. However, the draw shall be returned to operable condition within 12 months after notification by the District Commander to do so.

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§ 117.221 Saugatuck River.

(a) The draw of each moveable bridge shall open at all times as soon as possible for passage of a public vessel of the United States, vessel in tow or for a vessel in distress.

(b) The draw of the Metro-North "SAGA" Bridge, mile 1.1 at Saugatuck shall operate as follows:

(1) Year-round need not open:

(i) Weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. except on Federal holidays;

(ii) From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

(2) From October 1–May 31, open on signal:

(i) Weekdays from 8:10 a.m.–4 p.m.;

(ii) Weekends and Federal holidays 7 a.m.–4 p.m.;

(iii) If at least eight hours notice is given: daily, from 5 a.m.–7 a.m., 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.–9 p.m., and weekends and Federal holidays from 5:30 p.m.–7 p.m.

(3) From June 1–September 30, open on signal 5 a.m.–9 p.m., except as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section.

(4) A delay in opening the draw not to exceed 10 minutes may occur when a train scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping has entered the draw-bridge block.